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**Governor's ban includes exemption for municipal fireworks displays;
Town moves forward with plans for July 4 show**

Recognizing the high fire danger throughout the state, on Thursday, June 14, 2012 Gov. John W. Hickenlooper issued an order banning open burning in Colorado.

Included in the order is an exemption for municipal fireworks displays where specific written approval has been granted by the sheriff of the county in which the fireworks display is to occur. During its work session Wednesday, June 13 the Estes Valley Fire Protection District (EVFPD) board ruled that at this time it is safe to hold Estes Park's Fourth of July fireworks display at the Lake Estes location. As a result, Fire Chief Scott Dorman will submit an application to Larimer County Sheriff Justin Smith requesting formal approval. The plan is subject to change should there be changes in the fire danger status or weather conditions.

It is important to remember that the EVFPD issued a new fire restrictions/ban which took effect at noon on June 14. It is more restrictive than the order issued by Gov. Hickenlooper. The EVFPD ban includes all of the properties within the town limits of Estes Park and the unincorporated areas within EVFPD boundaries. Please contact the Fire District at 970-577-0900 if you have questions regarding the fire ban.

View both the Governor's Executive Order and the EVFPD's current fire restrictions under "Hot Topics" on the home page of www.estes.org.

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